

## Drezdzon winner in baseball HOF contest

Cleveland Indians team photographer Gregory Drezdzon was a winner in the 2000 Baseball Hall of Fame Photo Contest.

Drezdzon placed third in the feature category for his photo "Rain Delay Hopefuls" and collected \$300 in prize money.

Drezdzon's win continues the strong showing by Ohio photographers in the contest with Ron Kuntz of *Reuters* and Ed Suba, Jr. of the *Akron Beacon Journal* having won in recent years.

A graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a Bachelor's degree in journalism, Drezdzon started his professional newspaper photography career while in high school, working for suburban Chicago weekly newspapers.

He then interned at *Newsday* on Long Island in New York, and the *Southern Illinoisan*, in Carbondale, Ill. Drezdzon worked for the *Wichita Eagle*, in Wichita, Kan., for six years before relocating to Ohio to launch his own photography business.

Since working in Ohio, Drezdzon worked for the Cleveland Browns, as a team photographer, for three seasons, and then moved on to the Cleveland Indians,



Fans wait out a rain delay at Jacobs Field trying to catch an autograph from their favorite Cleveland Indians player. The photo by Gregory Drezdzon placed third in the feature category of the 2000 Baseball Hall of Fame Photo Contest.

with 2001 marking his ninth season with the team.

Drezdzon has also been a winner in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Photo Contest placing third in black and white category in 1992. He was selected the NPPA region five college photographer of the year during his senior year of college.

As owner of Drezdzon Photography the Cleveland Indians are just one of many clients he serves in Ohio.

Away from photography Drezdzon is an FAA commercial pilot and certified flight instructor and was named Flight Instructor of the Year by the Cleveland FAA in 1998.

## Friendly Jim Fetters dies in Maryland

Jim Fetters, 50, who became a familiar figure for many Portage County area residents when he was a staff photographer for the *Record-Courier* in the 1970s, died Feb. 20, 2001 at his home in Annapolis, Md., where he had suffered a blood clot in the lung.

Mr. Fetters was an editor for Agence France-Presse based in Washington, D.C.

Born July 4, 1950 in Toledo, he began taking photographs when he was a student at Kent State University and joined the *Record-Courier* staff in 1970 when he was 19 years old. Among his first assignments was coverage of the events of May 4, 1970 at KSU.

He earned a reputation as a talented, hard-working professional who was adept at covering spot news assignments but also excelled at feature photography. His friendly, outgoing manner, marked by a dry wit and an engaging conversational style, made him a favorite of many he encountered on



Jim Fetters poses for a portrait at UPI's Washington Bureau in 1988. Fetters previously worked at *The Record Courier* in Ohio.

his professional rounds throughout the Ravenna area.

After leaving the *Record-Courier* in 1979, he worked for United Press International in Cleveland and the Pittsburgh Press, then moved to the UPI photo desk in Washington in 1985. He joined Agence France-Presse in 1990.

Survivors include one brother, one sister and a stepmother.

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